

Philosophy Club Holds First Meeting

The U.P.E.I. Philosophy Club held its first meeting on campus October 30, with results that it would be hoped, would be of interest to the general university body.

Prior to the meeting, the Philosophy Department ex-

pressed hope that if this club materialized, it would not be merely an extension of the Department, and would in no way be controlled or dominated by it or its individual members.

Instead, the Department

hoped that students and professors of all disciplines, or anyone else, would present any topics that were in any way of a philosophical nature, and would attend and decide the form and content of this club. The Department indicated that it will give help if requested.

The meeting decided that a fixed executive might not be necessary to maintain proper functioning of this club but that an interim executive of two chairmen should be formed to guide the meetings in the initial phases. Re-organization may take place on a permanent basis at a later date.

It was also decided that topics would be announced prior to the succeeding meeting, and that choice of topics would be completely up to those participating.

It was felt that this type of gathering offered the possibilities of a mutually advantageous exchange of diverse ideas on relevant and interesting topics in a free and open atmosphere. It was felt that this type of organization would also give university members a chance to participate in community dialogue, but that everything would come about as the result of genuine participation by all university members.

U. P. E. I. Prof. Wins Literary Competition

Reshard Gool, assistant professor of political science at U.P.E.I. was recently informed that he has won the major prize in the annual Norma Epstein National Creative Writing Competition. The competition is hosted by University College of the University of Toronto, and the award is worth one thousand dollars.

Mr. Gool's winning novel, **The Price of Admission**, is about seventy-five thousand words long, and was written in many places between 1952 and 1966.

It is set in South Africa



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(mainly in Captown) and illustrates how political beliefs affect the most minute parts of people's behavior. Involved are two people whose love relationship breaks down because of politics.

Mr. Gool was born in London and educated in the United Kingdom. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Swansea. He got a master's in political theory from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., with a thesis on politics in literature. Currently working on a Ph.D. through the University of Toronto, he is writing a thesis on the political implications of James Bond.

Mr. Gool has also written and published some poetry. He hopes to get **The Price of Admission** published in the near future.

Most of the prize money is being given to educational charities in South Africa and Jamaica.

CHE SAID ALIVE! (and well on P. E. I.)

By Bear Cub Reporter MacKay
C.P.S. (Cadre Press Syndicate)

Che Guevara is alive and well in Charlottetown. In an exclusive interview last night CADRE reporter Dennis MacKay (shades of Castro's Beard) came through with the following story.

Guevara said "We have heard about the glorious struggle of the students at U.P.E.I. for a democratic university and have left Simon Fraser University to join them in their battle against tyranny. Guevara made particular mention of The CADRE staff and their role in promoting revolution. He awarded Editor Hornby the Order of the Red Star, (Post humorously), for "smugness beyond the call of duty".

He said that he also hoped to meet his old comrade-in-arms Ron (the beardless one) Baker, former head of the B.C.R.S.M. (British Columbia Revolutionary Student

Movement). He said he had not seen Ron since they served together in Bolivia. Guevara asked this reporter to comment on the rumor that Ron was last seen leading the radical wing of the Island Farmers' Union on a suicide attack against the Morell Creamery.

Although we could not confirm the rumor, it seems that Guevara already has a core group operating in Charlottetown. Apparently some of the key members of the U.P.E.I. administration and a couple of former Conservative party Cabinet ministers are involved in the group.

(Editor's note: Beware of a breakdown in communications, we have as yet not received a final report on the battle presently going on at Morell; however, our star reporter Reg Feelin' is there covering the story and we should have a complete report for next issue.)



Stage 'C' performance "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground" was presented last weekend at Confederation Centre. Despite a rough review given by local critics on its first run Friday night, it turned out to be an enjoyable performance.

— ATTACK! —

REPLY TO KEAVENY "...OR GET LOST"

by Verner Smitheram

Though I would disagree with most of the detail of Mr. Keaveny's article "Changes Needed", he deserves credit for a provocative piece of journalism which I hope will stimulate positive discussion.

So far, the outstanding characteristic of our fledgling university is its frantic concern about structure, organization, representation, etc. This is quite understandable in the present circumstances but my fear is that too many faculty and students may think that having a structure is equivalent to having a university.

Until we have hammered out a philosophy of education suited to our needs, our structures may indeed be called interim because, as I will try to show, they depend on more basic questions.

In what follows, I will attempt to offer a "dialogue focuser" on philosophy of education by way of stating what I believe to be (a) the sorts of questions which must be faced and (b) the order in which they should logically be posed.

AIMS: The most basic consideration concerns aims, ends or ideals. Aims must be stated in broad terms—if they are too narrowly conceived, they constrict our perspectives; if too vague, they fail to provide guidance.

THE HUMANISTIC IDEAL: I suggest that our university should have a humanistic ideal but one that is open to but does not impose a transcendental Christian humanism. The aim should be the education of man as man in all his dimensions. The university must be concerned above all else with the full development of the person and only secondarily with the development of the technical and functional skills demanded by the labor market in a technological society.

METHODS: Once the above issues are settled (I'm being optimistic) and we have decided what to aim at, we are in a position to ask how we are to go about it. It is only at this point that intelligent choices may be made about curriculum, methods and practices.

DECISIONS DUE: Lastly, we must develop an overall administrative structure which will serve all the foregoing. Administrative struc-

tures are difficult to change even interim ones. If we wait too long to decide our basic educational policies, we will certainly experience difficulty in changing structures which are not compatible with our aims.

The attempt to build a community spirit without a set of articulated goals is also futile — let's get down to the basics. If we don't do this soon, Big Brother who handles the purse strings may stop in once again — this time to dissolve not amalgamate.

Our present aimlessness is already having its effects: The faculty members, in shocking numbers are opting out of unstructured meetings where decisions are avoided with the help of the ubiquitous Mr. Roberts. The students who don't know where they are going either can't raise enough interest in student elections to field a real choice of candidates. The CADRE has to stuff its pages with trans-Canadian trash because of lack of local support. Even local trash would be preferable, but I'm sure the students of U.P.E.I. have great resources to offer if only they believed in themselves.

To faculty and students alike I say two things: Let's get into FOCUS and PARTICIPATE OR GET LOST.

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